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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA

1. FOR THE RECORD, AMBASSADOR YOUNG SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH SOVIET
PERM REP TROYANOVSKY ON MARCH 10 CONCERNING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS
OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM. THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE
AT THE CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR
YOUNG, ACTING AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THE SOVIETS
ON SECURITY COUNCIL HANDLING OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S MIDDLE
EAST REPORT.

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG TOOK THE OCCASION TO OUTLINE IN BROAD TERMS
HIS HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT ADOPT A DECLARATION OF
GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA SOMEWHAT IN THE SPIRIT AND
STYLE OF THE OAU'S LUSAKA MANIFESTO. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH
NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A
STATEMENT IN LIEU OF SEPARATE AFRICAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS IN
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THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AMBASSADOR YOUNG TOLD TROYANOVSKY THAT
THERE IS GRADUALLY EMERGING IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION A
CONSENSUS ON OUR GOALS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT IS NOT
TOO FAR FROM THE AFRICAN POSITION. HE SAID HE WOULD
HOPE THAT WE MIGHT GET THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO RESUME
THE ORIGINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UN FOR NAMIBIA UNDER
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. IT IS IN ANY EVENT THE

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UN, RATHER THAN SWAPO, TO RESTORE
RIGHTFUL DEMOCRATIC ORDER IN NAMIBIA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG
SAID HE FEARS THAT IF THE WORLD COMMUNITY PERMITS
THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO MOVE TO IMPLEMENT THE TURNHALLE
SOLUTION, IT WILL BE VASTLY MORE DIFFICULT TO GET AN
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA.

3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG WENT ON TO NOTE THAT THE US HAS APPROVED
TWELVE THOUSAND TONS OF FOOD AID FOR ANGOLA, DESPITE THE
ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. OUR RATIONALE IS THAT IT
IS ESSENTIAL TO STABILIZE ANGOLA BECAUSE OF THE INEVITABLE
EFFECT OF STARVATION, ECONOMIC STAGNATION AND POLITICAL INSTA-
BILITY IN ANGOLA ON THE REST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEREFORE WE
FEEL THAT A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION MUST BE ACHIEVED SWIFTLY,
AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG HOPES TO GET THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MOVE
ON NAMIBIA SOON -- EVEN THOUGH THE AFRICANS APPEAR TO WANT TO
DISCUSS APARTHEID FIRST.

4. TROYANOVSKY SAID HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS WITH
THE AFRICANS AS YET. HE RECALLED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME
TALK OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NAMIBIA
AND ASKED AMBASSADOR YOUNG WHETHER HE REALLY FELT
THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD YIELD ON NAMIBIA. YOUNG SAID
IT DEPENDS ON THE PRESSURE WE CAN BRING TO BEAR ON THE
SOUTH AFRICANS. TROYANOVSKY REJOINED THAT WOULD MEAN
PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA PER SE. YOUNG TOLD HIM THAT
THE US IS PREPARED TO DO THAT. TROYANOVSKY ASKED WHETHER
THAT WOULD INCLUDE EMBARGO OF ARMS AS WELL. YOUNG SAID
THAT IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. THE MORE IMPORTANT
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